

Clean Boating Tips

Contain Trash



- Purchase and pack food in reusable or recyclable containers.
- Do not let trash blow overboard; retrieve all overblown trash.
- Do not throw cigarette butts overboard; they are harmful to fish and birds, as well as take years to biodegrade.
- Practice Plus One Boating by bringing back whatever you take out Plus One other trash item.
- Report all litter violations to the Litter Buster's Hotline at **1-877-7LITTER** or Operation Coastwatch at **1-800-922-5431**.

Recycle



- Recycle cans, glass, plastic, newspapers, antifreeze, oil and lead batteries.
- For recycling information and locations, visit www.scdhec.gov/recycle/ or call **1-800-768-7348**.

Fuel Cautiously



- Do not top off your gas tank.
- While fueling, do not leave the area or overfill.
- Use oil absorbent material to catch drips from fuel intake and vent overflow.
- Report spills to the National Response Center at **1-800-424-8802**.

Control Oil in the Bilge



- Keep engines well tuned, maintaining seals, gaskets, or hoses.
- Place oil absorbent material or a bioremediating bilge boom in the bilge.
- Place a drip pan or oil absorbent pad under the engine.
- Replace oil absorbent materials at least once a year.
- Check fuel lines for damage and when necessary replace with alcohol resistant hoses.
- Secure fuel hoses to prevent chafing and leaks.
- Never discharge oily bilge water.
- Keep bilges clean and dry whenever possible. Pump oily bilge water into a dockside holding tank or have it removed by a specialized company.

Properly Dispose of Oil Absorbent Materials



- If the pad is saturated with gas, allow to air dry and reuse.
- If the pad is saturated with diesel or oil, double-bag the pad in one plastic bag sealed inside another. Dispose in regular trash.
- Bioremediating bilge booms should not be put in plastic bags. Discard in regular trash.

Clean Wisely



- Wash boat frequently with a sponge and plain water.
- Use detergents sparingly.
- Use phosphate free, biodegradable, and non-toxic cleaners.
- Use natural alternatives to chemicals when possible.
- Conserve water when washing your boat and put a spray nozzle on your hose.

Maintain Vessel Wisely



- Collect all paint chips, dust, and residue. Dispose of in regular trash.
- Share leftover paint and varnish.
- Bring used solvents and waste gas to local hazardous waste collection sites.
- Use less toxic propylene glycol antifreeze.
- Keep engine clean so leaks can be spotted.
- Slip a plastic bag over used oil filters.
- Consider alternatives to toxic bottom paints.

Sewage



- Use restrooms onshore.
- Underway, use approved Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) or portable toilets
- Never discharge Type I or Type II MSDs in swimming areas, marinas, anchorages, shellfish beds, or areas of high recreational use
- Never discharge raw sewage in US territorial waters
- Never discharge raw or treated sewage in No Discharge Zones (NDZs) which include Broad Creek, Lake Murray, Lake Keowee, Lake Jocassee, Lake Hartwell, Lake Thurmond, and Lake Wylie
- Establish a regular maintenance schedule for MSDs
- Pump out and rinse tanks regularly
- Use enzyme-based products to control odor and reduce solids in holding tanks
- Avoid holding tank products that contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC), formaldehyde, or chlorine.

Dispose of Fish Waste Properly



- Do not throw fish waste into swimming areas, marinas, anchorages, shellfish beds, or other high recreation use areas.
- Use fish-cleaning stations or discard fish waste in regular trash.
- Save fish waste to use as chum or bait.

Protect Sensitive Habitat



- Travel slowly in shallow areas.
- Do not disturb wildlife.
- Avoid contact with submerged aquatic vegetation.
- Control boat wake because it can lead to shoreline erosion.

Be a Responsible Boater



- Learn about environmentally safe products and practices.
- Share the information with other boaters.
- Obey laws governing speeding, littering, and discharges.
- Encourage boating facilities to provide trashcans, recycling bins and pumpout stations.
- Support marinas that are environmentally responsible.



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